

The FCC should not accede to the pressures being brought by broadcasters to stifle satellite radio. In particular, the commission should reject the petition of the National Association of Broadcasters, 04-160, which seeks to prevent the satellite operators from offering local content. Why should it be the business of the FCC to prevent competition in the provision of local traffic and weather information? In no way should local broadcasters, who are generally not even really local, be allowed to use the commission to attack their competitors.